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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to urge you and the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. It's time to end this case, which has been dragged out for over three years.

The suit has hurt not only Microsoft and its stockholders but also the technology industry and the economy as a whole. Any settlement agreement that ends this situation should be seriously considered, and this settlement, with tough restrictions on Microsoft, should be enacted.

It can't reasonably be claimed that Microsoft is getting off easily. The settlement forces them to give up proprietary information about and certain controls on their operating system so that others can more easily make and promote products that directly compete with Microsoft products. If Microsoft breaks this agreement they can be punished for contempt of court.

The first step in getting the technology industry back to business is settling the antitrust suit with Microsoft. A settlement has been drafted and I would like to see it accepted. Only once the antitrust suit is in the past can the technology industry focus on the future.

Sincerely,

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